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1. AFTER SPECIAL OCT 30 KUWAITI CABINET MEETING MENTIONED
REFTEL, AT WHICH AMIR OF KUWAIT REPORTEDLY BRIEFED CABINET
AND ISSUED "DIRECTIVES" TO HIS MINISTERS REGARDING SUMMIT
AFTERMATH, MINISTER OF STATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS ABDUL
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AZZIZ HUSSEIN REPORTEDLY BRIEFED PRESS (AL ANBA, OCT 31)

ON CAIRO SUMMIT AND RELATED MATTERS AS FOLLOWS:

A. ARAB DETERRENT FORCE. THE GOK HOPES THAT AN EXTENSION OF THE ALREADY-APPROVED 6-MONTH LIFE OF THE ARAB DETERRENT FORCE (ADF) WILL BE UNNECESSARY, BUT IF EXTENSION IS REQUIRED "THE ARAB LEAGUE WILL MEET AND A RESOLUTION WILL BE PASSED" PROLONGING ITS LIFE. KUWAIT HOPES, NEVERTHELESS, THAT PRES. SARKIS WILL BE ABLE TO "FORM LEBANESE FORCES WITHIN THIS PERIOD TO MAINTAIN SECURITY IN LEBANON." IN THE MEANTIME, SEVEN ARAB LEAGUE COUNTRIES HAVE OFFERED TO PROVIDE FORCES FOR THE ADF AND ARAB LEAGUE SEC GEN IS ARRANGING FOR TRANSPORTATION TO LEBANON FOR THOSE FORCES THAT SARKIS PICKS.

B. FOUR-POWER COMMITTEE. GOK WILL SHORTLY NAME BOTH NEW AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON AND MINISTER-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE TO FOUR-POWER COMMITTEE (TO BE RESIDENT IN LEBANON). HUSSEIN NOTED THAT THIS COMMITTEE WILL MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIOR CAIRO ACCORDS (GOVERNING RELATIONS BETWEEN LEBANESE GOVERNMENT AND RESIDENT PALESTINIANS). HE ADDED THAT, IF THIS COMMITTEE MEETS INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLES, "THIS WOULD RESULT IN ANOTHER SIX-PARTY SUMMIT AT RIYADH," ACCORDING TO PROCEDURES AGREED UPON AT THE RIYADH SUMMIT AND INDICATED IN THE MINUTES THEREOF (THOUGH NOT EMBODIED IN ANY OTHER DOCUMENT EMANATING FROM THAT MEETING).

C. LEBANESE RECONSTRUCTION AND ISRAEL. HUSSEIN NOTED THAT THE "PALESTINIAN PRESENCE WILL BE IN THE SOUTH (OF LEBANON) AND NATURALLY ISRAEL WILL NOT LOOK WITH CONTENTMENT ON THIS PRESENCE, NOR ON THE PRESENCE OF AN ARAB DETERRENT FORCE", BUT THE ARAB WORLD HAS MADE THESE DECISIONS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT LEBANON CAN GET STARTED QUICKLY ON RECONSTRUCTION. KUWAIT AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED AT CAIRO HAD PRESENTED IDEAS ON THE RECONSTRUCTION OF LEBANESE "STATE UTILITIES" AND THE FUNDING THEREOF, BUT THE PRINCIPALS AT THE CAIRO SUMMIT DECIDED TO REFER THIS MATTER TO THE ARAB ECONOMIC COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL WILL DEVISE THE "APPROPRIATE SYSTEM" TO ACCOMPLISH THE RECONSTRUCTION OF LEBANESE STATE UTILITIES.

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D. KUDOS TO ASAD AND EGYPTIANS. HUSSEIN SAID THAT ALL THE HEADS OF STATE AT CAIRO WERE IMPRESSED BY ASAD'S MAIN SPEECH AND HE LAUDED THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT FOR PROPOSING THAT ARB LEAGUE SEC GEN RIAD STAY IN OFFICE TO PROVIDE THE CONTINUITY NEEDED TO FACE LEBANESE PROBLEM. HUSSEIN ALSO SAID THAT EGYPTIAN HOSPITALITY (PARTICULARLY PERSONAL SECURITY, IN THE HANDS OF "BRIGHT YOUNG OFFICERS")

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